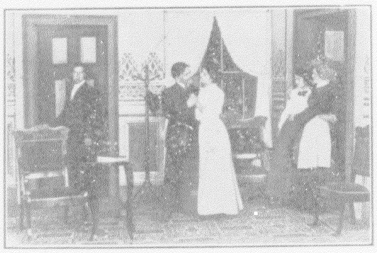
THE CROSS ROADS.

LENGTH, 995 FEET. COPYRIGHTED 1908.

Earl and Tom work many years side by side. They are rivals in work and also rivals for the hand of the same girl. She accepts Earl and they live happy hereafter. Tom dissatisfied with his lot takes to drinking. One day when meeting a lonely wanderer at the cross-roads he knocks him down and robs him of his money. Realizing what he did he runs across the road, drops his hammer and flees. Later on, Earl coming home from work seeing the hammer, picks it up thinking that some working man had lost it. The assault having been discovered the police try to find the guilty man. They examine everybody on the road and finding the hammer in Earl's possession they arrest him. He is accused as being the assailant. The next morning Tom having sobered up, asks for his hammer. Detectives who just investigated the record of Earl hear his inquiry for his hammer. They show him the hammer found in Earl's pocket and ask if that is his hammer. He assents and is at once placed under arrest. The money stolen from his victim is found in his pocket. Earl is released. The stranger offers him money for having been wrongly arrested but Earl declines saying "Honesty needs no reward."



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